

Flavian PTA
By Mrs. G. H. Wade

"An old fashioned Christmas," was the theme of the December Flavian PTA meeting; featuring the children of the school, singing and playing, for an audience of parents and teachers.

During the short business meeting, Mrs. J. K. Edwins, president, thanked all those who donated ornaments for the Christmas tree that decorated the cafeteria. Mrs. Edwins reported that William Boyd, auditor and faculty member, was recuperating at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. Following the report of G. H. Wade, treasurer, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Z. W. Giza, program chairman. She introduced William Clary, principal, who thanked the parents for their gifts of canned goods which will be delivered to needy families for Christmas.

The Christmas mood was set, as Jerry Andrews, music director, conducted the newly formed orchestra in traditional Christmas songs, followed by Mrs. Woodson Hebert's first grade and Miss Lilly Chmiel's second grade students singing: "Silent Night," "Away in a manger," "Jingle Bells," and "Frosty the Snowman." Then the Mother Singers, directed by Mrs. Z. W. Giza, sang carols.

As a finale, the students of Miss Pat Byrd's third and fourth grades presented a tableau entitled "What is Christmas?"

Refreshments were served in the Home Economics room by the Second grade mothers, Mrs. Fred Carroll, tea hostess.

Newton PTA
By Mrs. L. L. Bonnette

The Newton PTA meeting on December 19 consisted of a Christmas program presented by the students. R. Radford led the band and directed the chorus in a play and pantomime of the Christmas story. The narration was done by eight graders and carols were sung by a chorus from Miss Mary Hodge's sixth grade. The pantomime characters were from J. Water's 6th and 7th grade room.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Henry Graef and the flag salute was presented by Brownie Troop 240; the color guard were Nicki Sinclair, Dianne Mel, Lynne Zerkie and Carolyn Peek.

Coffee and cookies were served at 9:30 a.m., by the PTA board as hostesses and table decorations carried out the Christmas theme.

The Newton school Christmas project of collecting clothing, food and toys for the Navaho Indians was successful.

In order to raise funds for the PTA a rag drive will be conducted on January 18.

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So you can see that bleeding of the gums around the front teeth often comes as a result of missing teeth in the back of the mouth. This is also aggravated by tartar accumulations on the inside surfaces of the teeth.

If these conditions are not corrected, the overtaxed teeth will be endangered. Of course, there are other causes for bleeding gums but the two above are among the most prominent.

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Carl Steele PTA
By Mrs. Howard L. Thompson

The Carl Steele Christmas pageant held Friday indicated that the spirit of Christmas exists in the hearts of all. The response shown by students and parents to the White Gift Christmas program brings thanks from Welfare Chairman Mrs. Leon Kagan.

Each class entered the rear of the cafeteria singing a Christmas carol of their choice and marched to the stage placing their white gift under the tree. A song was sung from the stage and the students received via Santa Claus who gave them a bag with cookies, nuts, gift and a candy cane. Mrs. James Woodford and the room mothers packed the gift bags.

The white gifts were sent to the Exceptional Child Foundation in San Pedro.

Baskets of canned goods, gifts, and a Christmas tree were also sent to the needy families in the area.

El Nido PTA
By Mrs. S. R. Hooker

The Milk Bottle Game and a Santa Claus face whose nose was cut out to receive ping pong balls were only two of the games that attracted the young people in attendance at the El Nido school PTA Fun Fair which was held recently under the supervision of Mrs. W. A. Wright, ways and means chairman.

The Taste-Alteria provided customers with many varieties of delicious foods which could be obtained for 5c a portion.

Those assisting with preparations, booths and clean-up detail were: Mrs. William Newton, William Forrest, Mrs. Jerry Westmoreland, Mrs. Amos Chadwick, Mrs. Harley Smith, Mrs. C. H. Brackett, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Mrs. Charles T. Hynes, Mrs. Elmer Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hon, William Wright, Sr., Roscoe Colclasure, Mrs. Mary Britt, Mrs. Stella Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Villegas, Mrs. Sarah R. Hooker, Mrs. Robert Mackin, William Wright, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Bray and David Smith.

Hot dogs, punch, home-made candy, pie, cake, Christmas cookies, pot holders and aprons made their way into the homes of many satisfied students.

This pre-holiday project was a complete success due to the complete cooperation of many, many people who are interested in the welfare of children.

Carr Elementary
By Mrs. Robert Thomas

The December meeting of the Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA was called to order by the president, Mrs. Roland Stamm. The pledge of allegiance was led by the den mothers of Cub Scout Pack 751C, displaying the new flags recently presented to the school. Don Credell, vice-principal, gave the inspirational and also delivered a message from the principal, Richard Welte, who was ill.

The regular business of the association was dispensed with for the December meeting in order that a Christmas program of music could be presented. The Primary Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Henton and James McDonald, sang several Christmas songs. Narrating the program were Janet Smuland and Linda Wilder. Students Janice Johnson and Seane Keane sang "Away in a Manger." A piano duet was played by Mrs. William Herrmann and Mrs. E. L. Clark.

Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Clark, sang some of the more familiar Christmas carols, which included "Oh, Holy Night," featuring Mrs. Lester McCown as soloist.

A string ensemble, with Mrs. Doris Crosier directing, played "December Waltz." Students participating in the ensemble were Susan Welby, Pat Hull, Lynn Wayne, Gerald Regan, Linda Kennedy, Carolyn Everson, Diane Bromley, Pamela Haas, Judy Petty, Judy Pesola, Janice Shinkle. Miss Janet D'Aloia entertained with a flute solo.

The program concluded with a sextet of Howdine McCoy, Candy Nesplini, Debbie Stamm, Jerry Burns, Rocky Setting and Ronald Tamashak, singing "Silent Night," accompanied by the Mothersingers and the Primary Chorus. The audience joined in the finale.

Decorations for the occasion were furnished by Mrs. Merle Love and Mrs. J. R. Allison.

Perry PTA
Mrs. William D. Lunden

There were some proud parents attending the December PTA at Perry Elementary school. Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Girl Scout Troop 1680. Inspirational, "There is Joy in the Land Where I'm Bound," was sung by a quartet led by Harold Hogan.

The program continued with the quartet from the Church of Christ at Figueroa street. It consisted of leader Harold Hogan, baritone Thomas Minor, tenor Raymond Griffith, bass Edward Crosby.

"We are Santa's Helpers," was recited by the Kindergarten Band. As all kindergartens recited "The Night before Christmas", a pantomime was acted on the stage. Mice dancing in Mrs. Wallners class were Glenna Nolljoks, David Pions, Karen Motta, Eric Stephenson, Katy Depkovich, Carl Hansen, Linda Boundkuy, Bobby Vanderwort, danced about the Christmas tree. The three children snuggled in beds were Ricky Marshall, Cyndi Smith, Kathy Pilon. Ma was played by Mary Ellen Morgan, Pa by Eugene Silver. Mrs. Margaret Jacoubowsky's class as Sugar Plum Fairies danced around the children who were John Nelson, Gary Gayda, Billy Fuller, Leonard Verdusco, Dave Lockwood, Brian Rodabaugh, Lesley Higgins, Karen Swanstrom, Susan Waggoner, Ellen Haley, Lois Waddell, and Wanda Lombardi. Santa and his reindeers appeared on the stage. They were Arnold Geller as Santa, Mara Hatton, Christy Erdman, Stevie Slap, Simon Sandoval Jr., Scott Roberts, Stephen Virostek, Boundkuy, Bobby Vanderwort, as the reindeers. The doll dancers were Joan Fox as a "top" Stephen Boyd, Steve Rickiey, Rickey Stevens, Gary McConnell, Harley Stocke as soldiers. Others were Pamela Chase ballerina, Randy Coffman jack-in-the-box, Vickie Doucette raggedy-ann and Trena Moore as the rabbit.

During a short business meeting, Albert Jackson, 4th grade teacher announced that Perry playground would be open during the Christmas vacation with supervised play. A social hour was then enjoyed with the second grade Mothers-as-hostesses.

The tables were decorated in the Christmas theme with gold, silver, green and red bulbs. . . A meeting not soon forgotten.

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The El Nido PTA extended greetings to guests, Reverend and Mrs. Leland Pisel at the regular December meeting. The real meaning of Christmas was in the Inspirational Message given by Reverend Pisel and will linger on in our hearts the whole year through. A short business meeting followed after which the entire student-body took part in the presentation of the Christmas Story and the singing of Carols by each class.

The audience joined in the singing of the last two carols after which everyone enjoyed the refreshments served in the Kindergarten room by Mrs. C. H. Brackett and Mrs. Harley Smith. Special decorated cupcakes were served along with punch to the students participating in the program.

Halldale PTA

A "Merry Christmas" coffee was enjoyed by members of Halldale Ave. PTA board at the December board meeting in the school auditorium.

Amanda Wilhelm, principal of Halldale, was hostess at this lovely affair. The table was beautifully decorated in the Christmas spirit and after a short business meeting, gifts piled under a white Christmas tree were happily exchanged by the board members.

Later, several of the members enjoyed a luncheon and viewed the fashion show at the Plush Horse.

Those attending included: Mesdames Frank Bowling Jr., Amanda Wilhelm, W. L. Harvey, Richard Sabey, Douglas Cowdry, Dessie Shivar, Wm. H. Dunston, D. K. Mitchell, John Sabella, E. N. Reese, Dallas Rasmussen, Jack Kenyon, Judson Bowers, John Perkovich, W. L. Wilson, F. E. Dye, George Winters, and Robert Wonders.

The Stephen M. White Junior High School, 220th and Figueroa presented its first Christmas program last week under the auspices of the PTA and presided over by Mrs. H. E. St. Clair, president. Albert Cartwright, principal, gave the welcome.

The flag pledge was given by Barbara Crowl, and Maureen Okada gave a recitation about the Bill of Rights.

The story of the Nativity was presented in pantomime, song and verse. Pupils of the school made up the cast under the direction of the faculty.

Included in the cast were: Pat Snyder, Edward Bales, Rita Cook, Mary Holman, Richard Pruner, Sherry Foster, Robert Sheehan, Adeleta Modica, Bonnie Tow, Jim Johnson, Chet Mondor, Jimmy Enslay, Carol Larson, Judy Pike, Bob Potter, Harriet Smith, Barbara Booker.

A Christmas party was held on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bickmore, 5006 Paseo de Pavon, Hollywood Riviera, for Brownie Troop 268.

The following Brownies were present to enjoy games and refreshments: Nancy Tymstra, Kathy Klmes, Eileen O'Hare, Jane Bereda, Cheryl Frampton, Terry Bickmore, Bonnie Melton, Susan Marshall, Gail Thompson, Carol Sauer and Linda Levantis.

Mrs. F. T. Tymstra is the Troop Leader.

Dona Riera, Delores Watson, Ellen Ingersol, Cammela Edgar, Phyllis Gache, Kathy Howard, Margaret Daley, Carolyn Pruner and Fay Burdick.

The December 17 meeting of the Seaside PTA was held in the school cafeteria with Mrs. Clyde Miller, president presiding. All business was dispensed with so the parents and teachers could enjoy a program of Christmas music sung by the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Bridgeman.

Following the music Mrs. Harry Harter, new first vice-president, told the story of "Why the Chimes Rang?" The meeting was concluded with a community sing led by Lloyd Jones, principal.

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Basketball leagues under the supervision of the Torrance Recreation Department have started something new in the way of names.

The 7 to 9-year olds, formerly called Bantams, are now known by the striking title, "Ivy-Leaguers."

The 10 to 12-year old youngsters who once belonged to the Pee Wee League, are now members of the "Skyline League."

The Midget Leaguers, boys 13 and 14 years of age, are now members of the "Rocky Mountain Conference."

Older boys, from 15 to 17 years of age, will be the Big Ten Conference.

Bowles Entertain

Entertaining friends and neighbors during the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowles of 4718 Narrot st.

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